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Official Newsletter of the Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Annual Dinner
Friday, January 17, 2003

Happy New Year!

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Dinner served at 7:00 PM

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
1035 Carol Lane, Lafayette, CA

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Weekly Nets

Monday 8:00 PM SATERN Net Salvation Army 147.06
Wednesday 7:30 PM ATV Cable Channel 58
Thursday 7:30 PM Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club 147.06
RACES and ATV Nets see page 3

New President's Message

First of all, thanks to Terry Matzkin, KE6WRE, our past President, for his hard work and dedication to MDARC. He has been a true asset to the club! I am looking forward to working with him and the new Board of Directors into the new year.

I have been a ham for only three short years. During this time I have found many interests. I love to fox hunt- it's high-tech hide and seek. I have also found great interest in MDARC. What a great bunch of people! Most try to hard to serve the community, as RACES, ARES, Salvation Army, or Sheriff's Department volunteers. All are willing to help in an emergency, to help new hams set up their stations or lend a hand to program a radio. Above all, they like to have fun using their radios.

I am truly honored to serve you. I hope to do the job that all members expect of me. Feel free to call or email me at any time.

73,

David McIntyre, KG6ACD.

List of Scheduled Activity for W6CX ATV

Saturdays 8:00 AM	Coffee Net
Sundays 8:00 AM	Coffee Net
Wednesday 7:30 PM	Electronics Class with KF6IQL
Thursday 8:00 PM	General ATV ATV Net

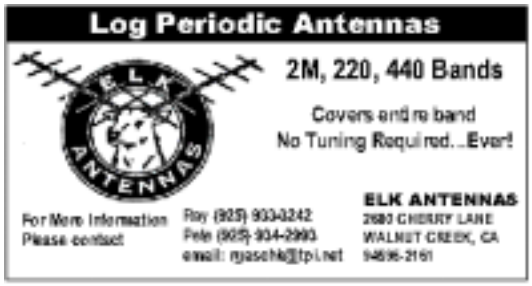
Upcoming Public Service Events

MDARC supports many community groups and agencies by providing communications for special events. This is a fun way to get out and use your radios, further a worthwhile cause and gain valuable experience that will come in handy in the event of a major emergency or disaster. Here is a list of upcoming events:

Check out the Public Service Events page on the ***MDARC*** website for more information on how to help with these events.

RACES Nets
Every Thursday at 19:00 hours

Central County	Jim Brunk	N6BHX	145.680 /s
South County	Ed Ritchie	K6SFD	146.355 /+ 100pl
East County	Jim Tittle	KC6SOE	146.535 /s
West County	Rich Parker	KD6JCT	145.110 /-



Speak to The Club!

Have something to say to the club? Call Trevor and volunteer to speak.Trevor Hall, WA6JAU and our new Vice President, is always looking for program speakers for MDARC general meetings. If you have something interesting to say, or know of someone who does, give Trevor a call.

MDARC Web Site Dies for a While

The MDARC web site, hosted for several years at no expense to the club, suddenly went dark last month. Our web host, a technical recruiting firm located in Walnut Creek, succumbed to the poor economy. Our web site went down without warning. Still needed for a complete recovery are early electronic versions of the Carrier. Thanks to Jerry Kornbau, AA4JK, for issues from 1998 and 1999. For the time being, the web site is hosted on the Web Master's own space on Earthlink.

Sons In Retirement

Plenty of activities

Bowling - Golf
Bocce Ball - Computers
Investments - Walking
Bridge - Cribbage
Fishing - Travel

AMATEUR RADIO

No initiation fees
No dues
Contact/ Bill Moresi
<w6zzt@juno.com>

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Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the General Meeting
November 15th 2002

Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the General Meeting
December 13, 2002

Terry Matzkin, KE6WRE, opened the meeting at 7:30 PM with the Pledge, and a last call for ballots to be turned in for the election of 2003 Officers. Terry announced that a change in the slate of officers was necessary. The ByLaws state that the officers have to hold an amateur license. Unfortunately, Dolly Groom, nominated for Treasurer, does not yet have an amateur license. Cal Groom KE6OEH agreed to be nominated as Treasurer, and the Board met and agreed to recommend Cal's nomination as Treasurer. By a unanimous vote of the meeting attendees, Cal Groom was elected Treasurer. Ballots were counted for the remaining officers, and the election results were:

President Dave McIntyre KG6ACD,
Vice President Trevor Hall WA6JAU,
Secretary Pam Styron KG6EJL,
Emergency Coordinator Harry Styron K6HS,
Director Howard Burk KE6PTT, and
Director Harold Johnsen KG6DXI.

Since this meeting was Terry Matzkin's last meeting as President, he thanked all those who participated in his two year administration.

Harry Styron announced he will teach two upcoming education courses. The General License class will begin in February. At this point, it appears classes will be held on Saturdays, starting February 8. Another series of classes will be a local version of basic training for emergency services. This series would start sometime in the spring after the general license series is finished, and also be held on Saturdays.

Harry Styron also presented the idea from the Board Meeting that the ByLaws be changed so that the Past President remains on the Board to help the incoming President keep things running smoothly. A discussion followed as to whether the Past President would stay on the Board as a voting member or not, and by hand vote it was concluded that the Past President would become an ex officio non voting position on the Board. The Board will put together a proposed ByLaw change, and publish it in the Carrier.

Trevor Hall gave his last report as Treasurer, noting that the total assets were $26,966.02. George Roush WB6OFH reminded the members that the Annual Dinner will be held at the next general meeting on January 17th starting at 6:30pm with dinner served at 7pm.

Bob Beard KG6FPZ discussed moving the website to another ISP.

For the program, Cal Groom presented the video, "Operation Compassion Under Fire – Responding to 9/11." The video chronicled what the Salvation Army did on that day and beyond to serve. Their involvement began within 30 minutes of the first incident and grew into a major effort at many locations. The story was a moving reminder of what an organized emergency service effort can accomplish.

The winner of the 13" TV set was Trevor Hall.

Terry adjourned the meeting after the drawing.

Respectfully Submitted Pam Styron KG6EJL Secretary
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Mt. Diablo Amateur Radio Club

Annual Dinner

Friday January 17th, 2003
At Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lafayette
Doors open at 6:00pm
Roast Beef Dinner served at 7:00pm

Cost: $8.50 for Adults, $5.00 for Children 10 and under.
RSVP by January 10th to George Roush, 925 687-0912
2116 Athene Dr., Concord CA 94519

Name:_____
Adults ____ @ $8.50
Children ____ @ $5.00
Total $_____

Make checks payable to MDARC

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Per the request of an MDARC member, reprinted here are the Club Repeater Operation Rules

Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club
Repeater Operation Rules

The Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club maintains and operates high-quality, wide-coverage repeaters for the use of all amateur radio operators. Operation and use of these repeaters shall comply fully with the Amateur Radio Service (Part 97) regulations of the Federal Communications Commission's Private Radio Service, and the following rules of the Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club:

1. The repeaters are provided for the purposes of contacting and passing information between fellow amateur radio operators, and providing service to the public as a voluntary, noncommercial communication service, particularly with respect to providing emergency communications.

2. In the spirit of the Amateur Radio Service, users shall respect and support each other in a courteous and positive manner.

3. Due to the wide coverage of the repeaters and the club's large membership, the length of QSOs should be kept to a minimum. Conversations shall be limited to 10 minutes during commute hours; 6:00—9:00 AM and 4:00—7:00 PM. Operators should always pause before transmitting, to allow another station to break in.
Please use simplex frequencies or HF bands for "rag-chewing."

4. Operators shall announce their call sign before transmitting any touch-tone commands, at the end of each communication, and every ten minutes or less during a communication.

5. There shall be absolutely no communications containing obscene, indecent, or profane words, language, or meaning. Discussion of political or potentially sensitive social issues shall be avoided.

6. No one shall cause or condone the malicious or intentional interference of anyone's communications on the repeaters.

7. Operators shall not communicate with, or discuss the actions of, anyone who violates these rules.

8. Control Operators are required to turn off a repeater to terminate improper operation or use.

9. The Mount Diablo Amateur Radio Club Board of Directors reserves the right to forbid the use of the repeaters by anyone who repeatedly violates these rules, or anyone who facilitates or encourages others to violate these rules.

MDARC Membership 2003

Membership Renewal applications were mailed 1/1/2003. The renewal process will be simpler than in the past as your application will be pre-filled with the latest information I have in the membership files. Simply make any corrections and return it with your payment in the stamped addressed envelope.

The new basic membership is $45 for a family of up to 4, and the good news is that full repeater/autopatch privileges on the 2m, 220 and 440 Club Repeaters will apply to all members in 2003.

In order to be included in the printed Club roster, I must have your completed application no later than the Club General Meeting on February, 21st 2003. The goal is to have the 2003 Directory available for pickup at the March Club General Meeting together with 2003 Membership Cards (to include new repeater codes)

Looking forward to your membership and participation in 2003 and let me know if you have any questions, let me know at kk6q@arl.net

73
Eoin O'Donoghue, KK6Q
Membership Chair

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

01/17/2003	6:00 PM	MDARC Holiday Dinner	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
01/31/2003		Carrier Deadline	
02/21/2002	7:30 PM	MDARC General Meeting	Our Savior's Lutheran Church
02/28/2003		Carrier Deadline	

Carrier articles should be sent via email to Bob Beard at: rbeard@speakeasy.net

MDARC Repeaters

147.060 MHz + / PL 100 Hz ATV: Input 1289.25 Mhz
224.780 MHz - / PL 77 Hz ATV: Output 427.250 MHz Cable Channel 58
441.325 MHz + / PL 100 Hz ATV: Output 1241.25 Mhz
APRS: 144.39 MHz
TCP/IP: 145.71 MHz

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